The Honorable Michael K. Powell Chairman Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

Our family has been a Dish Network subscriber for over four years. We support the merger of the Dish Network and DirecTV. In the past, federal government television regulations have not been in favor of the consumer (those that received their television service by DBS). Rather, it made it difficult to impossible to receive network television by satelite. Government regulations seemed to be in favor of the cable television companies, which generally provide a much poorer quality of service at a much higher price than the satelite TV companies. Approval of the merger will allow everyone in the United States the opportunity to receive their network television stations by satelite and provide much needed competition to the cable TV companies. Approval of the merger would also make high speed internet access available to many more people by way of satelite. Please support the consumer instead of the cable TV companies this time around and support the Dish Network / DirecTV m! erger.

Sincerely,

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